



# Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website [www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov](http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov). Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

The floor was opened for nominations for Chair for calendar year 2015. Member Wertz nominated McDonald. The nomination was seconded by Nichols. There were no further nominations. The roll was called on the nomination of Scott McDonald for Chair for calendar year 2015 and the following members voted in favor of said nomination: Wertz and Nichols. Member McDonald abstained. Motion carried and was declared Chair for 2015.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair for calendar year 2015. Member Nichols nominated Wertz. The nomination was seconded by McDonald. There were no further nominations. The roll was called on the nomination of Ron Wertz for Vice Chair for calendar year 2015 and the following members voted in favor of said nomination: Nichols and McDonald. Member Wertz abstained. Motion carried and Ron Wertz was declared Vice Chair for 2015.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items:

- Approval of the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 agenda
- Approval of the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting minutes
- Designating regular meeting days as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month, unless Monday is a holiday, then Tuesday is the regular meeting day
- Designating Hitchcock County News and the McCook Daily Gazette as official newspapers for 2015.
- Designating the County's website, <http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov> in addition to publication in official newspapers as a method of providing notices
- Appoint Safety Committee Members for 2015: Chair: Kyle Clapp, Members Rod Rooney, Karen Wertz, Larry Hubl, Roy Edmundson and Scott McDonald
- Appointment of Paul Nichols as County's representative on the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Board for 2015
- Appointment of Paul Nichols as County representative on the West Central Nebraska Area Agency Board with School McDonald as alternate for 2015
- Appointment of Ron Wertz as County representative to the West Central Nebraska Development District with Scott McDonald as alternate for 2015
- Note perpetual appointment of Scott McDonald to the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department board of directors
- Appointment of Marv Harms as County representative to the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska Board of Directors for 2015



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Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion. Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll ----- \$10,364.00

Prior Service Payments -----	\$ 588.00
Capital Business Systems, copier lease -----	\$ 141.00
Barry Corder, mileage -----	\$ 29.12
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,452.58
Darlene Fisher, election recount -----	\$ 32.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,121.83
Hilton Omaha, lodging -----	\$ 258.00
Anguila Keller, poll worker -----	\$ 108.00
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 224.56
Menards North Platte, supply -----	\$ 42.24
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee/deductible funding -----	\$ 4,500.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,632.76
NE County Court Assn., dues -----	\$ 25.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 450.75
Margaret Pollmann, mileage -----	\$ 35.95
Quill Corp., supply -----	\$ 355.93
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,556.06
Rixtine Recognition, award -----	\$ 82.75
Scoop Media, subscriptions -----	\$ 60.00
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 34.97
Donna Stetler, clerical -----	\$ 20.00
T&J Repair, repair -----	\$ 42.70
Taser International, equipment -----	\$ 222.16
Top Office Products, supply/lease -----	\$ 561.06
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 301.30
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 585.25
Ron Wertz, reimb. lodging -----	\$ 231.52
Verna Wertz, election recount -----	\$ 32.00
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract/cont. ed. -----	\$ 2,045.00

## ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 8,765.31
Ace Irrigation, culvert repair-----	\$ 332.50
Bud's Tire Repair, repair -----	\$ 75.00
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 19.50
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,739.01
Frenchman Valley Coop, repair -----	\$ 477.50
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 195.63
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 2,120.37



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Mid American Benefits, deductible funding -----	\$ 1,000.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 355.47
NE Machinery, repair -----	\$ 1,111.93
Orscheln Farm & Home, tools -----	\$ 269.99
R&W Repair, fuel -----	\$ 256.22
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,293.48
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel -----	\$ 161.50
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 26.00
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 11.41
Online Shipping Supply Assoc., reflective tape -----	\$ 689.30
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 120.03
NE Dept. of Rev. Motor Fuels, tax -----	\$ 361.00

## **INSTITUTIONS FUND:**

NE Health & Human Services, inmate diagnostic -----	\$ 1,064.00
Region II Human Services, Qtr. Assess. -----	\$ 2,256.40

## **E-911 PSC FUND:**

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 223.22
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## **911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:**

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 55.81
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 612.48

Member Nichols offered Resolution #15-1 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

## **RESOLUTION #15-1**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioner's of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, that during the year 2015 and for all remainder of the term of Linda J. Cook, as County Treasurer and Margaret M. Pollmann, as County Clerk ex officio Clerk of the District Court, or until further directed by the Board, that the following named banks shall be depositories for the funds of Hitchcock County, Nebraska:

Farmers State Bank  
P.O. Box 338  
Trenton, NE 69044-0338

The Culbertson Bank  
P.O. Box 8  
Culbertson, NE 69024-0008

MNB Stratton  
P.O. Box 367  
Stratton, NE 69043-0367

Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust  
P.O. Box 82529  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2529

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that since the County Treasurer and County Clerk/Clerk of the District Court have on hand and will have on hand from time to time for deposit, County money which should be deposited for safekeeping in these banks in excess of the paid-up capital stock and surplus of each of the said banks, but shall not at any time have in said banks County funds in excess of 90% of the bonds deposited by each bank as security plus the \$100,000.00 demand deposit and the \$100,000.00 time deposit covered and



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protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of which the bank is a licensed and qualified member thereof. In the event of demand deposits, for the Hitchcock County Clerk's Imprest Fund being over \$100,000.00 the receiving bank will furnish securities to cover the additional deposits. Provided that the aforesaid banks each and all of them meet the requirement imposed by the laws of the State of Nebraska regarding property bond and securities for the deposits made in said banks.

Passed and approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

SEAL

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Paul Nichols, Ronald Wertz

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

Member Wertz offered Resolution #15-2 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

## **RESOLUTION #15-2**

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the County Treasurer of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, has on hand, from time to time, excess monies which are not then required for the proper operation of the government of said Hitchcock County;

**AND WHEREAS** it is for the best interest of said Hitchcock County that such monies be invested in various investments for the benefit and welfare of said County, which investments should be made as provided by the law of the State of Nebraska.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA**, that the County Treasurer of said Hitchcock County be and she hereby is authorized to invest excess monies of said County, from time to time, in such investments as may be required and permitted by the laws of Nebraska, and to rescind any and all former resolution of this Board concerning this matter, which may be in conflict therewith.

DATED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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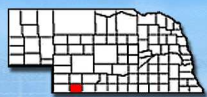
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

SEAL



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VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Paul Nichols, Ronald Wertz

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

Member McDonald offered Resolution #15-3 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Aye, Nichols, Nay, and McDonald, Aye. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

## RESOLUTION #15-3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HTICCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

That the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, for the use and benefit, and in the name of the said County of Hitchcock, will not advertise **ANY SUCH KNOWN** real estate property descriptions that are deeded to persons who have declared a form of bankruptcy with the United States bankruptcy Court as of the date of publication of delinquent real estate taxes. Publication dates will be February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**LET IT ALSO BE KNOWN** that as of this date the Treasurer has not received notification of discharge of any of the bankruptcies not being published.

A list of such legal descriptions being withheld from publication will be on file in the County Treasurer's office, Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

*SEAL*

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald and Ronald Wertz

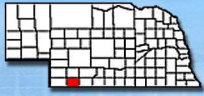
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: Paul Nichols

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Member Nichols offered Resolution #15-4 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:





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## RESOLUTION #15-4

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, (hereinafter called COUNTY) is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §23-106 (1), the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners shall manage the COUNTY's funds and COUNTY business, except as otherwise specifically provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the COUNTY is desirous of adopting a Banking Resolution for banking transactions by and between the COUNTY, acting by and through its various officers and the Farmers State Bank (hereinafter called BANK) 339 Main Street, PO Box 338, Trenton, Nebraska.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:**

1. That the BANK is hereby designated as a depository for funds of the COUNTY and also for the funds of other persons or entities coming into the hands of the COUNTY's officials pursuant to their official duties, and that the elected or appointed officials of said COUNTY as specifically designated herein, and each of them, hereby are authorized to open or otherwise maintain such account(s) with the BANK, as said elected or appointed officials deem necessary to carry out their respective official duties on behalf of and for the COUNTY, and to execute such agreements as shall be required by the BANK and subject to rules and regulations of the BANK governing such accounts.
2. That, subject to the special instructions set forth herein, if any, or as otherwise authorized by law, any of the following persons are authorized and empowered to deal generally with the BANK with respect to the following specified accounts:

Linda J. Cook, Hitchcock County Treasurer

- Economic Development Fund #XXX-XX8
- Hitchcock County Treasurer #XXX-XX9
- Investment Certificates of Deposit #XXXXX3, # XXXX 2, # XXXX 7 and # XXXX2
- CDBG Housing Fund #XXX-XX9
- Community Development Fund #XXX-XX8

Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock County Clerk

- Hitchcock County Imprest Fund # XXX-XX8
- Hitchcock County Clerk # XXX-XX3
- Hitchcock County Clerk of the District Court # XXX-XX7

Linda K. Smith, Hitchcock County Court Clerk Magistrate

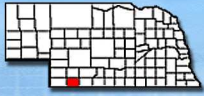
- Hitchcock County Court # XXX-XX9

D. Eugene Garner, Hitchcock County Attorney

- Hitchcock County Attorney # XXX-XX2

D. Bryan Leggott, Hitchcock County Sheriff

- Hitchcock County Sheriff # XXX-XX4



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Barry A. Corder, Hitchcock County Veteran's Service Office

- Hitchcock County Veteran's Aid Fund # XXX-XX6

Paul A. Nichols, Hitchcock County Commissioner District #1

Ronald L. Wertz, Hitchcock County Commissioner District #2

Scott McDonald, Hitchcock County Commissioner District #3

- Hitchcock County Imprest Fund # XXX-XX8

and to designate from time to time themselves and such other deputy official(s) to (1) sign, on behalf of the COUNTY, checks, drafts or withdrawal orders drawn upon such accounts; and (2) to endorse in the name of the COUNTY and to deposit in such accounts money, checks and other instruments for payment of moneys, which endorsements may be by stamp without designation of the person endorsing, and in connection therewith certify to the BANK the specimen signatures on any signature card.

3. That notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the BANK is authorized to honor instruments for the payment from, and to charge the same to, the Hitchcock County Imprest Fund # XXX-XX8 account ONLY upon proper authorized signature(s) of:  
A) one (1) County Commissioner, as either chairman or vice-chairman or acting chairman, AND  
B) the County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk.
4. That of the COUNTY, checks, drafts or money orders when signed by those persons so designated, whether or not (1) payable or endorsed to the person signing; or (2) paid or applied for the benefit of the persons signing.
5. That this resolution shall be certified to the BANK together with specimen signatures of the persons named herein and said certification shall continue in force until express written notice of rescission or modification has been received by the BANK.
6. That the original signature card(s) pertaining to said accounts of the COUNTY and bearing the true specimen signature(s) of the persons named and otherwise authorized hereby shall be on file with the BANK.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

Voting for the motion: Scott McDonald, Ronald Wertz and Paul Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

The resolution is hereby adopted.

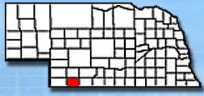
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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

Member Nichols moved to appoint John Rundel to a three (3) year term on the Hitchcock County Planning Commission. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.



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Member McDonald moved to appoint Paul Forch, Doug Garner, Ronald Miller and Frank Stehno to three (3) year terms on the Hitchcock County Board of Adjustment and to appoint Chris Williamson as alternate, also with a three (3) year term. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion. McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to appoint Phillip W. Dixon as Hitchcock County Highway Superintendent and to enter into an employment contract for the same for calendar year 2015. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner joined the meeting and advised as to the refund relating to TERC Case 13R-006.

Treasurer Linda Cook joined the meeting and requested the board waive notice pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1736.06 on TERC Case 13R-006. Discussion was held on the same.

Member Wertz moved to waive notice to the political subdivisions pertaining to the refund of \$109.60 pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1736.06 on Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) Case #13R-006. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner and Paul Nichols advised as to December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting with Jared Angel with Tyler Technologies regarding Orion software and possible conversion.

Board acknowledged receipt of the outgoing Assessor's inventory.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$119.50 from Central Crude for oil production, \$1,742.74 from Phelps County for reimbursement of emergency fees, \$164.56 from McCook Public Power District, \$301.66 from Southwest Public Power District, \$219.40 from Mid Plains Community, \$137.11 from McCook Public Schools, and \$1,014.67 from Middle Republican Natural Resources District for election expense billings and all were credited to the General Fund; \$1.00 from Vonnage Tax Account for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund.

The Sheriff's Fourth Quarter Report for 2014 was on file.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Scott McDonald, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk